

# Scouts Canada

## Namibia Project 2008

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Dear Friend,

In the summer of 2008, Venturer and Rover members of Scouts Canada from the Montreal area will be embarking on a community development project in the Southern African country of Namibia. Our goal is to improve facilities at several area nursery schools in the town of Okahandja, about 70 kilometres north of the capital city of Windhoek. None of these schools receive government funding. Many of them are in a state of serious disrepair and lack even the most basic sanitation facilities. The improvements we will be implementing are expected to have a significant positive impact on both the local children and on the community at large.

During the project our group of 25-30 youth, aged 14-26, along with their leaders, will be working closely with local people and members of the Namibian Scouting movement. Our efforts will range from building simple things – such as benches and tables for the children – to rebuilding entire structures, as many of the schools are merely shacks made of sheet metal. We will also be installing ventilation improved pit (VIP) latrines. This design of latrine has the dual benefit of improving sanitation and providing disease vector control.

As members of Scouts Canada, a national not-for-profit youth organization, we will have the necessary organizational support required for such a community development project. However, while the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund will help financially by assuming the costs of the physical materials required for the project, our task will be to raise approximately \$100,000 that is needed for travel, accommodation and food, not only for our team but for the local community's Scouting members who will be an integral part of our project. This is a huge undertaking for our project team and their families. However, we are firm in our commitment to helping Namibian communities improve the facilities for their children as well as giving our youth the opportunity to become more aware of the needs and realities of the developing world.

We would like to ask you for support. Donations on a personal or corporate level would be greatly appreciated, and would help ease the financial burden on these young people who are volunteering six weeks of their summer to help those in need. Tax receipts from Scouts Canada's Quebec Council (#10776 1694 RR 0085) are available upon request and all donors will be acknowledged.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Alison Bentley at (450) 458-8076 or by e-mail at [alison.bentley@sympatico.ca](mailto:alison.bentley@sympatico.ca). Anyone wishing to support the Namibia Project can do so by sending a cheque made payable to *Scouts Canada – Namibia Project* to Alison Bentley, 106 Selkirk, Hudson, QC, J0P 1H0.

On behalf of all of the project team members, I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration, and for helping our group make a lasting contribution to those in need.

Sincerely,  
The Namibia Project 2008 Team